# YPSILANTI CATHOLIC

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## THIS PRIVILEGED HOUR

*by Father King*

THE FAMILY "Y"

The deadline time is drawing near for the community to come to a final decision as to whether or not they want and will support a Family Y. No one seems to disagree that it would be great to have a Family Y, but, again, the willingness to give generously is not fully evident in some areas and it may be another good idea that hits the dust because of lack of total support. A phone discussion with Mr. John Harrison the other evening indicated that people in general were quite positive in their thinking but just not enough money was forthcoming. The lack of support, in a meaningful way, from Industry and some of the more affluent citizens of Ypsilanti is perhaps the most disappointing area of concern.

Wholesome recreation opportunity, vacation programs, swimming facilities, are desperately needed by the youth of our town. The lack of such facilities and programs helps increase the frustration and boredom of young people which in turn provides increased problems for them personally as well as the danger of increased social problems that, in their remedy, can become quite costly. It is not so much a matter of "can we afford to have a 'Y' "; but, "can we afford not to have a 'Y'?"

If you have not as yet made your personal contribution or if you feel you can increase it, why not give the Committee a call immediately. If this opportunity is passed, it may be a long time before such an opportunity ever presents itself again.

This should be one of our main concerns as citizens of Ypsilanti. As parishioners of St. John's, we have a further interest. If the facility that was built through the sacrifice of so many of our people could be utilized for our children and their well-being, then it will realize at least a part of its purpose. Please--let's not allow this project to fail--there is much more at stake than can be reckoned in terms of dollars and cents.

*Excerpts from letter of Father Harvey from the Catholic University of America:*

"I hope you are not as hot as we are here. I never felt like I always needed a shower until I lived here for a day. The priest who moved out of the room I'm in left a double fan, so that helps a little.

"My room overlooks the back and side of the National Shrine. Must say that I'm not too impressed with it.

"I got as far as Beaver Falls on Tuesday night (after taking a wrong exit in Ohio). Made it in good time here yesterday. I am sending Ed Look (Ed. Note: Vicariate Secretary-Treasurer) an accounting of myself as well as explaining the difficulty I had with room and board. They get you coming and going at this place. Hope the classes are not similar.

"I must say it was difficult to leave last Tuesday. I guess good people are just more interesting to me than academia.

"I hope to do some sight-seeing this weekend before things get rolling--will not have too much time as things look after the storm begins.

"Took my first jaunt around the town last night. Got thoroughly confused, very lost but eventually found my way back. I have real difficulty in reading maps of this city.

"Thanks again for the great send-off. . .etc."

Fr. Harvey's summer address:
The Rev. David W. Harvey
Caldwell Hall, Box 26
Catholic University
Washington, D.C.

## ALTAR BOY SCHEDULE

Attention: There will be no 1:00 PM Mass on Sundays during the Summer.

WEEK OF JULY 4, 1971

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday
Jim Sullivan and Peter Burgard

Thursday, Friday, Saturday
Doug Leik and John Baxter

SATURDAY
7:00 PM Matt Keck and Tom Patchak

SUNDAY
7:00 AM John Madigan and Gabriel Martinez
9:00 AM James and Robert Eberts
11:00 AM Paul Yinger and Pat Sullivan
7:00 PM Kevin and Chris McCarthy

WEDDINGS
Tim Buschell and Tim Carroll

WEEK OF JULY 11, 1971

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday
Mike Wiedman and Luke Hones

Thursday, Friday, Saturday
David Leik and Pat Heck

SATURDAY, July 10
7:00 PM Tim O'Hara and Mike Prevost

SUNDAY, July 11
7:00 AM Matt Chiodini and Gerald Sullivan
9:00 AM Tom Weishaar and Larry Dupuis
11:00 AM Jerry Moses and David Galleseroe
7:00 PM Rick Steeby and Greg Gillman

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## MISSIONARY APPEAL RESPONSES

From: The Society for the Propagation of the Faith, 1230 Washington Blvd., Detroit, Michigan 48226

Dear Father King:

We have received your parish check for the amount of $1,120.50 which represents your parishioners response to the appeal made recently in behalf of the Franciscan Fathers.

Your warm acceptance of the visiting missionary and the most generous response to the needs of those in the parts of the world called "the missions" is doubly appreciated, since it comes at a time when our own needs are so pressing.

The ability to respond to the needs of others when we are in difficulty ourselves is a trait that is seen frequently in the life and actions of Our Lord Himself. His own family once called Him insane for going without meals to care for those who called to Him for help.

During His most successful ministry and at the height of His popularity Jesus even announced that He must move on to other towns as well "for that was His mission."

This great mission of Christ continues on today. Some may call us insane for remaining a part of it, but this is what Christianity is all about. The response of your parishioners is an indication of this willingness to follow Christ.

In return, most earnestly do I ask Almighty God to bless and reward you and to share with you and your parishioners those special graces He reserves for those who hold in their hearts the poor and afflicted of this world.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Gratefully yours in Christ,
(Rev.) James A. Moloney
Archdiocesan Director

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From: General Secretariat of the Franciscan Missions Inc.

Dear Rev. Father Harvey:

I wish to thank you for your warm and kind hospitality which was given to me during my recent visit and stay at your parish for the Sunday Mission Appeal.

I wish also to tell you about the precious experience felt by me through my conversation with you and my contact with your community. It has been a real inspiration for me.

Will you please write a few lines of thanksgiving to your people through either your Sunday bulletin or any other means you judge convenient? Since I cannot personally thank them, I would be happy if you would thank them for me in the name of our 5,000 Franciscan Missionaries.

Have my regards and salutations including, of course, those people who made my Sunday Mission Appeal a success.

I would be most grateful if you would have my missionaries included in your MEMENTO at Mass.

Regards and gratitude to the MARIANIST priest and to the housekeeper. They have been so kind to me.

In Christ, sincerely and gratefully I am,

Father Boniface Bolognani,
O.F.M.

KEEP YOUR ENVELOPES HANDY ... it's just a good habit of GIVING

## FINANCIAL BAROMETER

Sunday, June 27, 1971

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| Sunday Offertory Collection | $2,155.50 |
| Holy Father's Collection | 448.50 |
| TOTAL | $2,604.00 |

## COMMENTATOR SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, July 10, 1971

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| 7:00 PM | T. Birdsall |

SUNDAY, July 11, 1971

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| 7:00 AM | R. Wagner |
| 9:00 AM | J. Smallish |
| 11:00 AM | M. Anhut |
| 7:00 PM | N. Pavlovich |

## LECTOR SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, July 10, 1971

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| 7:00 PM | J. Baker |

SUNDAY, July 11, 1971

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| 7:00 AM | L. Sanford |
| 9:00 AM | P. Heck |
| 11:00 AM | W. Anhut |
| 7:00 PM | G. Short |

*MASS SCHEDULE*

*MONDAY, July 5, 1971*
*9:00 AM Mary Margaret Eustace, req. by the Family*

*TUESDAY, July 6, 1971*
*7:15 PM Clarence Laurain, req. by Mr. & Mrs. C. Diegal*

*WEDNESDAY, July 7, 1971*
*7:15 PM Oliver Pinsoneault, req. by Dorothy Pinsoneault*

*THURSDAY, July 8, 1971*
*7:15 PM Charles Schubert, req. by Christine Knowlton*

*FRIDAY, July 9, 1971*
*7:15 PM Oramel Ennen, req. by Jean Ostrander*

*SATURDAY, July 10, 1971*
*9:00 AM Josephine Halis, req. by Mr. & Mrs. Walter Zawal*

*SUNDAY, July 11, 1971*
*7:00 AM Andy Kelly, req. by Marge & John Annesser*
*9:00 AM Al Walters, req. by the Ushers Club*
*11:00 AM Loretta Etherington, req. by Mr. & Mrs. Larry Kistner*
*7:00 PM Father Dennis G. Needham - 46th Anniversary*

## MIGRANT WORKERS NEED FOOD/CLOTHING

One of the special needs in our State and local area is that of the migrant workers who come to Michigan for the summer months. As you undoubtedly know, the pay for such workers is not very adequate and the season is a poor one, work-wise. Hence, there is a very real need for foodstuffs and clothing.

Next Sunday we will provide the opportunity for you to once again open your hearts by giving of your goods for their aid. Canned foods, soups and good, clean clothing for all ages and sizes are needed. Boxes will be placed at the doors of the church for your contributions. Larger quantities may be taken directly to the church basement where they will be sorted and packed for delivery. Thank you.

WGK

## LOOKING UP...

*by Nan Wagner*

Well, here it is another new column to this paper. Usually you see us in print once a month as Worship Commission minutes become public. Now, at the request of Father Harvey, you will see us once a week. We will discuss in detail things that are or are not happening in our liturgy and all phases of our worship. For instance: There will be no 1:00 P.M. Mass for the summer. The Altar Boys are under the watchful eye of Bill Hall and need mothers interested in keeping the boys cassocks and surplices in good order. We also need, very badly, Ushers. We will be having young men, 15 years and older, serve their church in this way. We will also need Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist, but more on that subject at another time. For information on the above, leave name and telephone number at the rectory or call me. We also have a suggestion box on the left side of the inside door at the Cross St. entrance of church. If you have any questions or answers pertaining to any commission (Worship, Service, Education), please drop them in signed or unsigned; and we will answer or give them to someone else who can.

Just a thought: Recently, I've been reading about the earliest founding of our country. A handful of people, as you know, facing unknown lands on three sides and backed up to the vast ocean on the fourth could have given up the struggle before they started, run home on the first boat but instead of looking forward to uncertainty or backward to security, they looked up, in faith, prayed and offered their very lives every minute to God and His will. As you may also recall, they survived, not without struggle, but with strength, conviction and most of all, faith. They flourished, prospered and succeeded in the new world.

We, too, are on the shore of a new church. If we look ahead with uncertainty, we may want to retreat to the security we once knew. So let us like them gather courage, strength and most of all faith. In unity then let us also look up.


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*Priests of the parish would like to join you and your family at dinner. If you would like to invite one of the priests to dinner, please feel free to call him directly and make the arrangements.*

## INDEPENDENCE

*As many of our fellow citizens celebrate the anniversary of our national independence today, we should take time, I think, for some reflections as Christians on the realities of our country. In the past we, as a people, were derived from the Christian tradition: indeed, many of the early settlers and revolutionary figures alike saw the country as the Promised Land, given to the righteous and the God-fearing. Abraham Lincoln called us the "almost - Chosen People." A prolonged and conscious effort was made to incorporate the great biblical themes with the opportunities - political, social and economic - offered in the New World. America was seen by not a few as proving ground for a Christianity that was reformed and rejuvenated from the stifling restrictions of Europe.*

*Curiously, this ideal became entangled with realities, especially economic ones, and soon compromises were made. The Indian was virtually exterminated, the African ensalved and a tradition of violence was begun that is with us yet. Despite these compromises, however, the notion of our people as God-fearing and righteous persisted down to the present, forging a strong and intimate bond between religion and the State while excluding any one Church as having a privileged place. Now, in our times, it comes as a shock to many to see the nation criticized, its motivation denied, its past reviled, its accomplishments belittled.*

*We Christians should not be shocked. We know from our faith the distinction between what belongs to God and what to man; we know that every human enterprise is subject to evil, that original sin that corrupts attitude and action by too easily indentifying human judgements with God's.*

*We are aware, from the experience of our own lives, that hypocrisy is not confined to the individual but belongs to the society as well, especially that hypocrisy which uses religion as a blind for greedy self-indulgence and the rejection of all who do not measure up to the "godly" standards set up by some. No, it should come as no surprise to us, for we are taught in the life of Jesus that man's relationship with God must be handled gently and humbly lest it breed that ignorance of those who declare themselves as possessors of the truth.*

*Rather, as we pass the time this Independence day, we Christians must beg God his forgiveness for our sins, public and private, and humbly ask the grace to confront the evil that touches our fragmented human family, with the hope that we shall not be judged as having lived our Christianity in vain.*

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